

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

73549

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$2,400.00	\$12,700.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$2,400.00	\$12,700.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.05	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three categories. The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Throughout its existence, this committee generally has met 1-2 times per year as needed to perform its duties. relevant pre-work is sent out to members prior to the meeting so that the RAC can efficiently conduct its business in a 2.5 - 3.5 hour meeting.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and prioritized recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Central Montana RAC did not meet in FY2018. The committee did not meet due the relatively short time between the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act in late March 2018 and the expiration of the Forest Service's national charter in June 2018. The RAC will commence meeting and conducting business after the National Charter is renewed. .

Designated Federal Officer

Sara Mayben Deputy Forest Supervisor, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Amundson, Donald	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Archeology and History	Representative Member
Aune, Chris	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Affected Public at Large	Representative Member
Becker, Mary	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Developed Rec.	Representative Member
Blue Earth, Shirley	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	American Indian Tribes	Representative Member
Dahlhausen, Clinton	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Federal grazing permit, other land use permit	Representative Member
Deichmann-Sampsel, Dawnita	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Developed Rec.	Representative Member
Hammer, Robert	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Wildlife/Hunting organizations	Representative Member
Hill, C. Beth	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Nationally recognized environmental group	Representative Member
Huges, Gerald "Tucker"	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	County or local elected office	Representative Member
McDonald, Cody	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Rowland, Dean	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Commercial Timber Industry	Representative Member
Sampsel, John	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Federal grazing permit, other land use permit	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



Outcome Comments

Improved collaboration and accomplishment with county and private stakeholders for the stewardship of H-LCNF lands within the involved counties.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

This RAC has focused on collaborating on recommending projects that are accomplished using Title II funds. We do not have the ability to accurately quantify cost savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

36

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations FY18. Previous years = 25 recommendations. There were 11 new recommendations in FY17. None in FY2016.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No meeting or recommendations in FY18. 11 new recommendations were made at the RACs most recent, September 14, 2017 meeting. 8 of these 11 projects were recommended for fully funded and are currently in various stages of implementation and constitute the

percent of recommendations that have not yet been fully implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No meeting or recommendations in FY18. 11 recommendations were made late in FY 17. These 11 projects are currently in various stages of implementation and constitute the percent of recommendations that have not yet been fully implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official and the RAC Coordinator are accessible to provide information to the committee on progress on recommended projects. Additionally Forest employees that engage in implementing specific projects often interact with members of RAC or other interested publics as these projects are implemented.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

No meeting or recommendations in FY18. However, these answers reflect the ongoing implementation of projects in FY18 that were recommended and funded in FY17. The Forest Service reviews RAC recommended projects and, if approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

There were no meetings or recommendations in FY18. This is due to the short time period between the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act in late March 2018 and the expiration of the Forest Service's national FACA charter in mid-June 2018.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not applicable.